



AUTUMN HATS

Distinctly picturesque-elegant-chic-with all the extreme foreign effects modified for American women, these hats emphasize the modes approved in fashion centers at home and abroad.

Simplicity of trimming with a touch of silver or gold braid, ribbons, beautiful ornaments or wings, birds and cabochans, odd flowers and novelty feathers.

All the becoming shapes and shades; the Russian turban, the Scotch Tam O'Shanter, large and small sailors, pokes, back and front rolled brims and many other exclusive styles only to be seen at "The Bon Ton."

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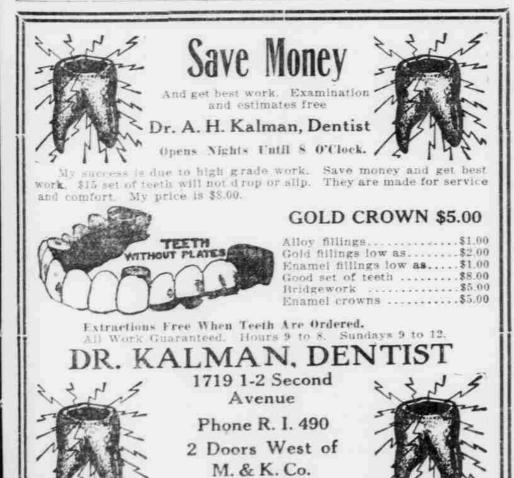
VELVET AND PLUSH HATS at \$6.95, \$4.95, \$1.95 and

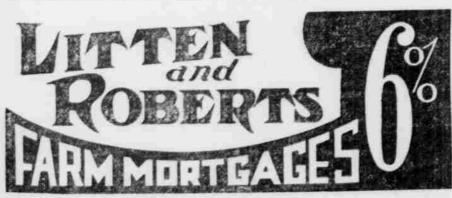




Calls for Bids.

Sealed proposals will be received at he mayor's office, Rock Island, Ill., until 9 o'clock a. m., Sept. 16, 1916, for painting bridges No. 3 and No. 4 over Rock river. Specifications on file at the office of the mayor. WILLIAM McCONOCHIE,





Rock Island, Ill.

Peoples National Bank Building

COST OF LIVING IS AROUSING PEOPLE

Concentration of Wealth in Few Hands Calling for Social Reform, Says Single Taxer.

WALLIS GIVES ADDRESS HERE

Sixty Per Cent of Property, He Declares, Is Owned by Two Per Cent of Citizens.

That the high cost of living and the oncentration of wealth in fewer and fewer hands are awakening the people o social reform as never before, and that the single tax is one of the most important reform proposals now unpoints made by Louis Wallis in an address to a crowd in Spencer Square last evening. Mr. Wallis is doing propaganda and organizing work for he Joseph Fels Fund Commission of America, and in the last few years has spoken at various points throughout he northern states. He will speak Friday evening at a labor mass meetng in Moline. He is chairman of the llinois Single Tax league. His books, The Struggle for Justice," and "Soological Study of the Bible," are pubished by the University of Chicago

"Sixty per cent of the property in America," said the speaker, "is already owned by only two per cent of the peole. This is not a theory. It is a fact evealed by United States government tatistics. Home owning is on the deline in our cities, as everybody knows. 'he same is true of the country disricts, as government reports make Back in the year 1880, 25 per en years later, in 1890, the proporion had swelled to 28 per cent. By 1900, the figures had leaped up to 35 per cent. 1910, 37 per cent of the farmers had become tenants. This increase continues at the present time, until in many places from 40 to 60 per cent of the farmers have no landed property of their own. And the vast majority of these tenant farmers are native Americans. These plain and simple facts prove to us that America is rapidly becoming like Europe, and separating into two classes, an upper and a lower class. Social conditions are becoming harder and harder all the time. Our wage earners and small business men are finding it more difficult to make a living. Various measures of reform are proposed, one of the most interesting and important being the single tax on land values."

'The single tax is not a mere change in the laws regulating taxation. stands for a great philosophy of human rights, and it has a deep religious meaning. It approaches the social problem in a way that seems strange at first; but its rational nature comes out clearly into view as the proposition is turned over and examined from various standpoints.

Do Not Reach Root.

"Everybody is dissatisfied with our present way of collecting government revenue—except a small fraction of the people, who profit by it. Our present ystem of taxation reaches middle and laboring classes more nearly in proportion to what they possess than it does the wealthy classes. Thus, the power of the government is making the rich a little richer and the poor a little poorer every year. And what is more, there is no escape from this unier our present system or under any modification of it. The increasing demand for income taxes and inheritance taxation shows that the tax problem is pressing. But these measures do not go to the root of the trouble.

"The single tax on land values would make everyone pay taxes in exact proportion to the advantages which he derived from the government, the most valuable land being located where the cost of government is highest, while the least valuable land is where taxes are low. Since everybody has to use land, nobody could escape the single tax. If you don't own land, you rent it; and the tax is collected from the rent you pay the landlord for the location which is made valuable by the presence of the community and the service of the government. Moreover, the tax on land values cannot be added to rent; because the tax rests on the value of unimproved land as well as upon improved property, and the single tax would have the effect of bringing more land into the market at lower prices to compete with land on which he rent was unduly increased.

Foundation of Business,

"This consideration brings into view another aspect of the single tax, its business or industrial side. We all want good business. But what do we mean by business? Most people will agree that when we are making good use of the world in which we live, times are good. Real business is founded upon the actual production and distribution of goods, and not upon speculation, or market manipulation, or high finance. This is recognized over and over again by cities which offer tax-free locations for a term of years in order to attract manufacturing capital. Cities are not in the habit of placing tax-free locations at the disposal of bankers, architects, doctors, lawyers, etc. Such professions come of their own motion and without special inducement. Good business depends, first of all, upon putting the earth and its resources to use. In order to operate factories, farms, stores, etc., it is necessary to use land. The production of all good things whatsoever involves the utilization of the earth on which we live. "But people observe that the devel-

opment of business increases the demand for land. Consequently, more and more of the unused surface of the earth is laid hold of and held on specilation. Only one-third of the land in the United States is in use. The best is held idle. The tide of immigration has rolled from the Atlantic to the Pacific; and the farther the immigrant has gone in search of a spot of earth to call his own, the more he has been

forced to go past emptres of good land held out of use at prohibitive prices. "As soon as we realize the nature of the system which includes in the same category of legitimate investment such totally different things as putting the earth to use and holding the earth idle. ardently-the putting of the earth to that the bare land is yielding no inuse in the production of actual goods- come."



"Where Fashion Reigns Supreme"

Offering Most Extraordinary Specials "JUST FOR FRIDAY"

A feature of this store's selling policy (unique in many respects). First-because this merchandise was bought specially for Friday's sale. Second-because we cannot obtain these values or assortments every day we want them. Third-we bought this merchandise in special lots, some are manufacturers' samples, representing the very finest stock. In other instances, choice small lots, all bought at a wonderful saving.

SAVINGS UNUSUAL Sample Suits Worth to \$22.50

Manufacturers' samples, very latest colors in broadcloths, serges and poplins, no two alike, good range of sizes, satin lining, fancy buttons and trimmings, very desirable kinds, worth up to \$22.50,



Extra Special-Suits Worth to \$30

Suits with long coats, ripple and P flaring skirt effects, some fur collars and cuffs, in broadcloths, serges and novelties, all sizes, beautiful button trimmed, worth up to \$30, Friday at

To please the most discriminating taste, we have other styles ranging in price up to \$175.00.

Sample Coats Worth to \$18.50

All wool coats in novelty mixtures, big collars, flaring effects in the new lengths, these very styles are in demand for high school girls, ladies and misses, no two alike, worth up to \$18.50, Friday at

> Special Showing of High Class Coats in ORIGINAL MODELS

materials are Bolivia cloth, serges, poplins, duvetynes, broadcloths, cheviots, wool velours, mixtures, tweeds, velour de laine, zibelines, plush and gaberdines, prices range from \$22 to \$175.

COLLEGE PRINCESS DRESSES

-serge dresses in plain and color combinations, serge and satin combinations, braided, flaring skirt effects, high waist line, new style collars, fancy buttons, priced \$10 - \$12 - \$15

Never before has a Friday offered so many bargains in

NOTIONS 25c Embroidery edge, Friday 19c only 25c barrettes and side combs. each 10c machine oil, tomorrow 5c 10c bias tape, tomorrow, the 14 dozen Colorite, to close out, 15c Friday, the bottle 15c rick rack, the bolt,

> Schram's Self-Sealing. a gallon size FRUIT JARS 2c Each

Here's a real Friday special SWEATER COATS BARGAIN

New Cardigan sweater coats, all sizes, in colors of gray, tan, brown and mixtures, regular \$6.00 values, Friday

Ladies' Vests gc yoke, all sizes, 9c ribbon, extra heavy qual- 19c ity, 35c value, yard 19c Lisle Vests 190

Child's Hose 16c Children's 25c black lisle ribbed hose, all sizes, Friday

Ladies' Hose 29c 35c black and white fibre silk hose, Friday

Men's Shirts \$1.59 Men's flannel shirts, all sizes, blue, gray and maroon, \$2.00 Regular 7c apron gingham, all \$1.59 colors, all size checks, the yard

Hair Bow Ribbon 19c Ladies' 15c gauge vests, square 5 and 6 inch hair bow taffeta

19c Ribbon 9c Ladies' 25c and 35c lisle vests, All silk ribbon, plain colors

Men's H'd'k'fs 50 all sizes, Friday 16c Men's linen finished handker-chiefs, good quality, regular 10c values, Ladies' H'd'k'fs 3c

29c Ladies' mercerized hemstitched handkerchiefs, regular 5c values, each ... Apron Gingham 5c



Another real bargain is offered here in

WAISTS All white or striped voiles, large lace trimmed collars, embroidered cascades, for Friday only, 98c

Kimonas \$1.50 Serpentine crepe kimonas, regular \$2.25 values, floral, oriental and plain

mings

Bleached Muslin 10 yard wide bleached muslin, Keystone food cutters, our reguthis is offered for Friday 79c | lar \$1.25 value, for only, 10 yards for 79c | Friday, only

25c Madras 19c 25c madras in pretty color combinations for waists and 19c inch size, regular \$8 shirts, the yard shirts, the yard ... Table Damask 43c

72 inch mercerized table da- A large assortment of Japanese Table Covers 98c

45 inch round table covers, lace trimmed, regular \$1.25 quality, each ... Table Cloths 98c

\$1.25 quality, round scalloped Golden oak finish library table mercerized table cloths, 98c size 26x42, regular value, Friday ...

Food Cutters 98c

Dress Trunks \$6.75 Fibre covered dress trunks, 34 Japanese China 250

\$1 Taborette 69c

Fumed and golden oak taborette, 98c regular \$1 value, 18 inches high

Library Table \$9.75 size 26x42, regular \$15 \$9.75

GET THESE GLOVES

Kayser's short silk Kayser's chamoisette gloves, black stitch-gloves in chamois, ing on back, Friday black and white, the 59c pair, 79c only, the

Friday's Offering in



Felt Hats 98c

Values up to \$2.98 in sport felt hats, several colors to choose from, priced for Friday, 98c

Corduroy Hats 59c Cordurey hats in two tone effects, very good for autoing and for school, for Friday, at Trimmed Hats Up to \$60

500 Pair Finest Fleece Cotton Blankets

Pine gray and white bodies, with pink and blue borders, get these now when blankets changeable weather



Special large size blankets, overcast edge, extra heavy fleece German finish. tans, whites and assorted

Extra Special Large Size \$1.35 Assorted colors, fancy borders, some plain, very fine materials, these will sell on sight values up to \$1.75.

we are prepared to appreciate the this thing is heavily taxed; while, at business tragedy at the heart of our the same time, the speculative investcivilization. The very thing which the ment of capital in bare, unimproved

Americans Gain Decoration, London. Word has been received oration with the Croix de Guerre by Mr. Clyde, who is from New York, the American Volunteer Motor the French government in apprecia- is a graduate of Yale of the class of civilization. The very thing which the ment of capital in bare, unimproved Ambulance corps, which is supplying then of their services of William P. 1901, and Mr. Coatsworth, who resides majority of business men desire most earth is taxed lightly, on the theory and operating ambulances for the Clyde, Jr., and Caleb James Coats in Buffalo, joined the corps about a transportation of wounded French sol- worth, who for the past month have year ago.

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